



# Harbor Area Model 'A' Club

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Torrance, California

## August 2020

2017-2020 MARC  
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for Harbor Light newsletter



On our  
annual  
Solvang tour  
in 2013.  
All aboard  
Tim  
Harrison's  
'31 Model A  
Station  
Wagon!  
The  
Harrisons,  
Pisus &  
Bates.

### Upcoming Business Meetings



The July meeting  
scheduled for Friday the 31st.  
**CANCELLED**

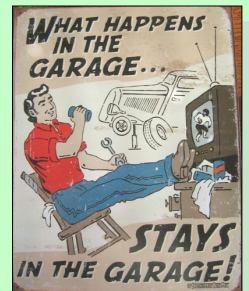
We will keep our members informed if  
there are any changes to the meeting  
schedule. Your health and safety is our prime  
concern

### Technical Activities

#### **Cancelled until (TBD)**

Saturday mornings.  
We meet from about  
10am to noon to work on  
Model A projects.  
Bring your Model A by and  
we'll work on it.

Al's Garage, 907 Van Ness,  
Torrance CA (in the alley)



### Model A Events & Local Shows

(Note: These events subject to change)

August 16th—Sun Wounded Warrior Car  
Show. **Cancelled**

August 22nd—Sat El Segundo Car Show **Cancelled**

September 26—(Sat) Antique Swap Meet  
Paradise Valley Model A Ford Club

### Next Board Meeting

It will be at Torrance Memorial Hospital,  
West wing, on Tuesday,  
August 4th, 2020 at  
7pm. Exact room TBD.

**(TBD)**

We will be planning  
upcoming events.



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Wayne's Words of Wisdom  
A Note from our  
President  
Wayne Sterling



Something to do!

This has not been a very fun time for us Model A drivers. Parks and beaches are closed, restaurants are limited (sigh), stores with lines. . . .

We have to do what is best for us. Hopefully this will pass soon and we can back to doing what we love to do. I will keep you informed when our meeting hall reopens and we can get back to the fun stuff! Stay safe and healthy.

Wayne Sterling,  
President



The Harbor Club on tour in Solvang in 2016.  
This was a private auto memorabilia museum with lots of fun stuff.

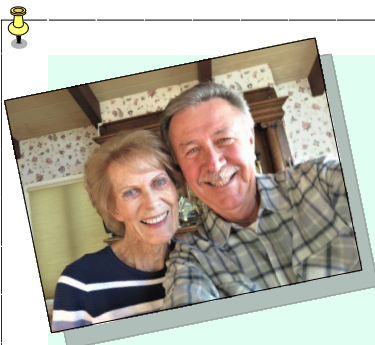


## August Birthdays

1	Sandy Ragon	23	Jack Gordinier
2	Janice Dalton	24	Gwen Valot
13	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	25	Dick Valot
14	Greg Earhart	26	Monty Bates
15	Marty Murphy	26	Rene Sandera
18	Linda Skinner	31	Theresa LeFall
19	Michael Klyde		
20	Dorothy Knott		

## August Anniversaries

4	Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs
4	Dr. Steven & Weeg Thompson
6	Mickey & Bea Fruchter
12	Doris & Drain Marshall
19	Mary & James Walker
25	Steve & MaryAnn Friedrich



### Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

#### *A Tough Couple of Months*

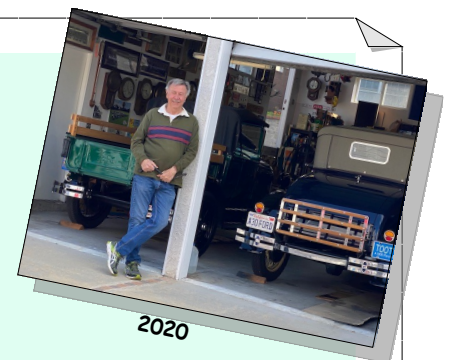
With all the fun events on hold or cancelled, it is going to be a long summer. As I write this, the club had planned that this weekend we would be in Solvang CA doing our annual 'Drive 'n Dine'. Oh well, better safe than sorry. A small group of us has been meeting on Friday afternoon at Ruby's restaurant to have supper. Outside, of course. So far so good. At least it is a chance to get out and enjoy some company. Masks required!

Just found out that the annual El Segundo Car Show has been cancelled. I have worked the event since 2002. It is sponsored by the Police Dept and the local Chamber of Commerce.

The Saturday morning 'Caffeine Cruisers' is still going on. The Starbucks nearby is open.

Anyway, this virus thing is dangerous, especially to the 'older' folks. Please be careful. This, too, will pass. . . .

**Dick**



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### (On hold) Monday Supper

Our usual Monday evening gathering at a local restaurant has been postponed due to the virus epidemic. The club is monitoring the events as they unfold and will keep you posted.

One of the changes we were making prior to the shutdowns of eating establishments was to move around to different restaurants in the area. This has been popular and will continue when the situation changes and we are safe to dine together again.

Watch your emails and the Harbor Light for the latest information.

### **Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering is Going Again!**

If you are looking for a little tire-kicking adventure on **Saturday** mornings between 7 and 9 AM, check out the Caffeine Cruisers at the corner of Artesia Blvd. and Hawthorne, in Torrance, CA. Several of the Harbor Model A club members and other car enthusiasts of all car types meet to talk cars. There are some very nice autos and some nice people there, too!

The address is 17400 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance CA. (at Artesia Blvd.)

Come on by, have a cup of Starbucks, and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



### **2020 Membership, Roster and Club Merchandise Items**

Ruxella and Jim have a selection of new **Club merchandise**. We have hats, shirts, patches, t-shirts and we still have 60th anniversary items for sale at a discount. More to come.

The **2020 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1. They are also available free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail. Contact **Ursi Schmidt** at 310-539-5391. Make sure Ursi has your latest info.

**Just a note:** We regularly update the roster. If you have any address changes, phone number changes or email changes, let Ursi know. Let Dick Wyckoff know, too. He'll put the info in the **Harbor Light**.

### **English Muffin Bread**

5 C. flour  
2 pkgs. Yeast  
1 T. sugar  
2 tsp. salt  
2-1/2 C. milk  
1/4 tsp. baking soda dissolved in 1 T. warm water

Mix only three cups of the flour with the yeast, sugar and salt. Warm milk to 100-110 F. Add the flour mixture, and beat with a mixer until smooth, then stir in enough of the remaining flour to make a stiff batter. Cover and let rise until doubled (1 hour).

Stir down the risen batter; thoroughly blend in the soda mixture. Divide into two 8.5 x 4.5 x 2.5" glass loaf pans or 1.5 qt. Soufflé dishes. Cover and let redouble again (45 min.).

Cook each loaf for about 6-1/2 minutes on **HIGH** uncovered, or until no doughy spots remain. Cool before slicing, then toast. *Each loaf pan serves 6.*

Joan Gordinier, Torrance, CA



Editors note; Recipe taken from Harbor Club's 50th Anniversary cookbook published in 2007.



## **HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB MEETING June 2020**

Due to the Corona virus pandemic, the June meeting was cancelled. Folks are encouraged to follow the "Stay at Home" request and keep in contact with other members . We are a family, you know.



### **Some favorite pictures of past Model A events**



**Visiting the LA harbor fire station in Long Beach CA  
next to the battleship USS Iowa 2014**



**The Ford Tri-motor airplane and editor's '30  
Cabriolet at the Long Beach CA airport 2015**



**Favorite all-time pic of young man talking to himself in the spare tire hubcap  
of member's '31 Slant Window sedan at Palos Verdes concours 2012**



## Technical Talk



### Keeping the Model A Going!

At a show a couple years ago, this model A needed help to keep it going. This 'fix' was in what appeared to be a farm pickup. The truck was rather nasty looking but it ran just fine! Maybe the simplicity of our favorite vehicle is why it has lasted 90 years. What do you think?

## Safety Recall

**NOTICE FROM ROAD AND TRACK.COM:** The Harbor Freight jack stands that we've all bought, borrowed or seen in our friends' garages are being recalled due to a risk of collapsing under load. Go check yours immediately.

In a recall filed with the NHTSA on March 20 of this year, Harbor Freight explains that certain 6-ton jack stands have the potential to disengage their support pawl under shifting weight, causing the stand to drop suddenly. A second recall, filed May 3, extends the recall to 3-ton jack stands. The defect is attributed to aging tooling at the factory that produced the jack stands.

The recall document says that the problem could affect more than 450,000 6-ton jack stands produced between 2013 and 2019 and nearly 1.3 million 3-ton jack stands produced between 2012 and 2020. These jack stands were sold under the Pittsburgh brand name, and can be identified by item numbers 56371 or 61196 on 3-ton models, and 61197 on 6-ton models.

Harbor Freight urges anybody in possession of affected jack stands to return them to the store in exchange for a gift card equal to the price of the stands. Any unsold jack stands covered by the recall have been removed from stores. Check on your buddies and spread the word around—these jack stands are ubiquitous, and a failure like this could be fatal.

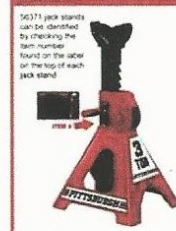
### SAFETY RECALL

3 Ton and 6 Ton Heavy Duty Steel Jack Stands Item numbers 56371, 61196, and 61197

For certain units of the Pittsburgh Automotive 3 Ton and 6 Ton Heavy Duty Steel Jack Stands there is a potential, while under load and with a shift in weight, for the pawl to disengage from the extension lifting post, allowing the stand to drop suddenly. This condition could cause serious injury to people near or under a lifted vehicle, and/or damage to property.

### STOP USING THESE JACK STANDS IMMEDIATELY

#### ITEM # 56371



#### ITEM # 61196, 61197



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The 61196 and 61197 jack stands can be identified by checking the item number found on the yellow part of the label on the side of each jack stand. The 56371 jack stands can be identified by checking the item number found on the label on the top of each jack stand.

Following the filing of any applicable "Notice of Recall," please bring your 3 Ton and/or 6 Ton Heavy Duty Steel Jack Stands, item numbers 56371, 61196, 61197, and 56371 to your local Harbor Freight Tools store to receive a Harbor Freight Tools gift card equal to the retail price of the jack stands you originally purchased (plus applicable tax).

For more information email: recall@harborfreight.com

In cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

File # 15-001 (Rev. 11-15-15)

### For Sale (Misc Model A parts)

New Model A fiberglass fenders—\$75 each  
 2—28/29 Sedan rear—  
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## Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



*Possible tour?*



### 18th Annual All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet

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### *Roster Update*

Theresa LeFall has a new email address:

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# FORD MECHANICS'S SCHOOL EXAM

April 22, 2010

SCORE # \_\_\_\_\_ CORRECT

Print Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*NOTE: ALL QUESTIONS APPLY TO A DATE OF APRIL, 1928\*\*\*\*\*

1. Maximum speed of Model A motor? \_\_\_\_\_ rpm
2. Weight of crankshaft? \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.
3. Length of cam shaft? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
4. Describe the cooling system \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
5. Lifting capacity of water pump? \_\_\_\_\_ gpm @ \_\_\_\_\_ rpm
6. Lifting capacity of oil pump? \_\_\_\_\_ pts/min @ \_\_\_\_\_ rpm
7. Describe the oiling system \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
8. What size tires on Model A? \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ ft&rr
9. What size tires on Model AA? \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ ft \_\_\_\_\_ rr
10. What type rear axel on the Model A? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What type of generator on the Model A? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What size main bearings? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
13. What size connecting rod bearings? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
14. What size cam shaft bearings? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
15. What is the turning radius of the Model A? \_\_\_\_\_ ft.
16. What is the turning radius of the Model AA? \_\_\_\_\_ ft.
17. What is the wheel base of the Model A? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
18. What is the wheel base of the Model AA? \_\_\_\_\_ in.
19. Proper clearance between pistons & cylinder walls \_\_\_\_\_ in. to \_\_\_\_\_ in.
20. Proper gap for piston rings \_\_\_\_\_ top \_\_\_\_\_ in. ctr \_\_\_\_\_ in. bot \_\_\_\_\_ in.
21. Proper gap between push rods & valves \_\_\_\_\_ in.
22. How many zerk nipples on the Model A? \_\_\_\_\_
23. How much grease in transmission? \_\_\_\_\_ qt. \_\_\_\_\_ wt.
24. How much grease in rear axle? \_\_\_\_\_ qt. \_\_\_\_\_ wt.

This test was given at a tech seminar at the MARC National Convention 2011 in San Diego CA. It was a copy of a real Model A era mechanics school exam.

## QUESTIONS

## ANSWERS

1. Maximum speed of Model "A" motor? 2600 RPM.
2. Weight of crankshaft? 28 lbs.
3. Length of cam shaft? 21-1/16 inches.
4. Describe the cooling system? Thermo syphon and centrifugal pump
5. Lifting capacity of water pump-RR? 5 gals. per minute at 900 RPM of crankshaft.
6. Lifting capacity of oil pump-RR? 9 Pts per minute at 750 RPM of crankshaft.
7. Describe oiling system? Pump, gravity and splash.
8. What size tires on Model "A"? 30 x 4.60 front and rear.
9. What size tires on Model "AA"? 30 x 5 front, 32 x 6 rear.
10. What type rear axle has Model "A"? Three quarter floating.
11. What type generator has Model "A"? Power house or Dynamo type.
12. What size main bearings? 1-5/8".
13. What size connecting rod bearings? 1-1/2".
14. What size cam shaft bearings? 1-9/16".
15. What is turning radius of Model "A"? 17 ft.
16. What is turning radius of Model "AA"? 21 ft.
17. What is wheelbase of Model "A"? 103-1/2".
18. What is wheelbase of Model "AA"? 131-1/2".
19. Proper clearance between pistons and cylinder walls? Loose on .002" tight on .004".
20. Give proper gap for piston rings? Top .011 to .013, Center .009 to .011, Bottom .007 to .009.
21. Proper gap between push rods & valves? .014"
22. How many zerk nipples on Model "A"? 35.
23. How much grease in transmission? 1 qt. of 600W.
24. How much grease in rear axle? 1 qt. of 600W.
25. What is cylinder bore? 3-7/8"
26. What is piston stroke? 4-1/4"
27. Total breaking surface of Model "A"? 168 sq. inches.
28. What degree cambre on front wheels? 7 degrees
29. What is given toe in on Model "A"? 3/16"
30. Give number of driving discs in clutch? 4
31. Give number of driven discs in clutch? 5
32. Give compression pressure of clutch spring Model A? 394 lbs.
33. Give compression pressure of clutch spring Model "AA"? 454 lbs.
34. What is proper gap for breaking points? .015" to .018"
35. Tension of camshaft plunger springs? 24 lbs. to 28 lbs.
36. Tension of valve springs? 34 lbs. to 38 lbs.
37. What is weight of flywheel? 67 lbs.
38. How many leaves in Model A front spring? 10
39. How are Hondailes installed? CW on Rgt front and Lft rear - AC on left front and right rear.
40. What is wall pressure of piston rings? 12 lbs.
41. Length of rear main bearing on crankshaft? 2.993"
42. Length of rear main bobbit bearing? 2.994"
43. Clearance between connecting rod and piston pin bosses? .022" each side or .044" Total
44. What is clearance (back lash) of timing gears? .003"
45. Weight of Piston and Rod Assembly? 2 lbs. & 13 oz.
46. What is width of valve seat? (point of contact) 3/32"
47. What is diameter of valve stem? 5/16"
48. How many roller bearings in transmission? 3
49. How many ball bearings in transmission? 2
50. What is final gear ratio of Model A? 13.9 to 1.



## MAFFI Newsletter Minute

July 14, 2020

Dear Model A Supporters,

This year we had planned to celebrate our tenth annual Model A Day reunion at The Gilmore. However, due to the continuing and unabated impact of the Covid-19 virus, the MAFFI Trustees have concluded that we must cancel the September 18th-19th, 2020 event. After much evaluation and conversation, it was determined that attempting to have a safe and comprehensive event with meeting seminars, swap meet merchandise and exhibits showcasing our Model A's presents too great a risk to our hobbyists this year.

Thank you for your support of The Model A Museum and for your past participation at our annual event. We plan to have Model A Day next year (2021), and will carry over our First Responders vehicle theme. We will provide further information regarding The Foundation's 2020 annual meeting and induction of Hall of Fame candidates as we get closer to September.

All of us associated with The Model A Ford Foundation wish you well and hope you remain safe during this pandemic. Please understand how difficult it was to make this decision and accept our apologies for the necessity of cancelling Model A Day at The Gilmore this year.

With Best Regards,

John W. Begg  
President  
Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.



### A 'New' Model A. . .

A neighbor a few doors down from me knew about my Model As and was really excited to tell me that he bought one. With camera in hand, I went to see his new purchase.

Little did I know that they still make a Model A!

## Fashion Articles from the 1920's

### MARC OF FASHION MEN'S HATS

By Esther Meyer



Men's hat styles remained the same through the four years of the Model "A" era. There were hats for every occasion, from the most casual golf style hat to go with knickers, to the top hat with formal evening tails. Straw hats for summer were worn with Palm Beach suits. Derbys or fedoras were worn with business suits. For every job there was a work hat. Following are descriptions and examples of men's hats which were used during the Model "A" era.



All Wool One-Piece Kersey

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**All Wool:**  
All wool with a soft nap closely resembles camels hair. Patterns are dressy and refined. Satin lined. Colors: medium gray and medium tan.



**Wool and Silk:**  
About 2/3 wool, balance silk. Full cotton twill lined. Colors: gray and brown.

New Snappy  
Collegiate Cap



**Collegiate Cap:**  
Smaller shape 3/4 wool, balance rayon. All around leather sweatband. No inband. Colors: fancy grey and tan.



**Adjustable:**  
Adjust the buckle in front to fit head. Tailored of a swagger plaid material 2/3 wool. Genuine leather sweatband in front, satin lined. Colors: fancy bluish gray plaid, fancy tan plaid.



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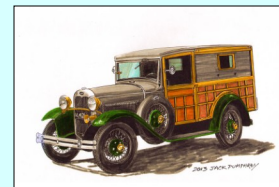
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one block south of Pacific Coast Hwy.) We'd like to invite all interested parties, even if they don't own a Model A Ford, to come and join us. Our goal is to educate the public about Model A Fords and have fun while doing it.

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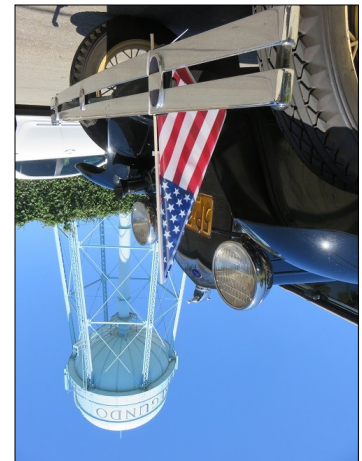
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